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SUBJ: MESSAGE FROM KING HASSAN TO PRESIDENT NIXON ON ISRAELI
ATTACKS IN LEBANON

1. FOREIGN MINISTER LARAKI INFORMED ME EVENING JUNE 22 THAT EARLIER THAT DAY, WHEN I WAS IN TANGIER GIVING COMMENCEMENT SPEECH AT AMERICAN SCHOOL, KING HAD SENT A LETTER TO PRESIDENT. LARAKI SAID THAT KING HAD USED MOROCCAN CHANNELS (PRESUMABLY EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON) AND HAD NOT WISHED TO HAVE LETTER SEEN BY ANYONE ON MY STAFF OTHER THAN ME. LARAKI ASKED THAT I CALL AT MINISTRY ON JUNE 24 TO READ TEXT OF LETTER. I DID, AND THERE FOLLOWS A SUMMARY OF ITS SUBSTANTIVE PORTION.

2. LETTER DEALT WITH ISRAELI RAIDS IN LEBANON. AFTER CONGRATULATING PRESIDENT ON SUCCESS HIS MIDDLE EAST DIPLOMACY, KING NOTED THAT FACT QUOTE ISRAELI AGGRESSION UNQUOTE, AND ITS EXTENT AND FREQUENCY, INSPIRE IN HIM GREATEST CONCERN. REPEATED ACTS OF VIOLENCE BY ISRAELI FORCES, HE SAID, AND THEIR ATTACKS ON INNOCENT POPULATION AROUSE OUR INDIGNATION. IT IS CLEAR, KING CONTINUED, THAT THIS AGGRESSION SEEKS ON ONE HAND TO EXTERMINATE PALESTINE PEOPLE AND ON OTHER TO INCREASE COMPLEXITIES OF SITUATION, TO CREATE NEW SOURCE OF TENSION AND TO REDUCE EFFECT OF EFFORTS ALREADY UNDERTAKEN BY PRESIDENT NIXON TO ARRIVE AT OVERALL SOLUTION, TO WHICH RECOGNITION OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS IS FUNDAMENTAL. KING ABDED THAT CONVERSATIONS PRESIDENT HAS HAD IN VARIOUS CAPTIABLS OF REGION HAVE GIVEN HIM OPPORTUNITY TO ASSESS DANGER WHICH THESE REPREHENSIBLE ACTS REPRESENT TO

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SEARCH FOR PEACE. UNITED STATES, KING WENT ON, HAS ENGAGED

ITSELF WITH DETERMINATION ON ROAD TO SPECIFIC AND ASSURED
SETTLEMENT AND HAS CONSIDERABLE RESPONSIBILITY TO ASSURE THAT THIS
EFFORT SUCCEED. THUS, KING CONCLUDED, UNITED STATES SHOULD USE
ALL ITS INFLUENCE TO OBTAIN FROM LEADERS OF ISRAEL ASSURANCE
THAT THESE ACTS WILL NOT BE REPEATED IN FUTURE.

3. TONE OF LETTER WAS UNIFORMLY CORDIAL.
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